

Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Bruce Braley (IA-01) released the following statement after Iowa House Speaker Kraig Paulsen spoke out against creating jobs that would come from building the Iowa City-to-Chicago Amtrak passenger train line:

**“This project has already received \$230 from the federal government, and now the state has an opportunity for a significant return on investment. Speaker Paulsen, the Legislature and Governor Branstad have a chance to create nearly 900 good-paying jobs and increase business revenue by \$25 million per year. If there is a better plan for creating Iowa jobs, we haven’t seen it. Instead of putting Iowans back to work, they are locked in a partisan battle that does little good for our state’s economy. I urge the Governor and the Legislature to put small politics aside and show real leadership in getting Iowa’s economy back on track.”**

Earlier this week, Rep. Braley sent a letter to Governor Branstad, urging him to take a leadership role and work with the legislature to appropriate the necessary funds for the project.

A copy of Rep. Braley’s letter is available here: <http://go.usa.gov/jOu>